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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, please reconsider the present case in view of the following remarks.

Claims 17-47 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 17-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nilsson (U.S. Pat. No. 3,643,521) in view of Yabe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,004,039 [hereinafter "Yabe"]).

It is respectfully submitted that Yabe is not prior art, as applied in the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection. The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/985,400 filed November 2, 2001 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,752,245), which is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/877,518 filed June 17, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,338,285). Pursuant to §4807 of the new American Inventors Protection Act of 1999, subject matter which was prior art under former 35 U.S.C. §103(c) via 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is now disqualified as prior art against a claimed invention